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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4-6, 10-12 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 7-9 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

- Claims 1-15 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3, 7-9, and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Karlsson et al. (US 6961340)

- In reference to claim 1

In Figure 4; Karlsson et al. teaches a method that includes providing AAL2 CID (channel identifier) switching in a wireless access gateway **940**, the wireless access gateway **940** having DSPs A and B **160** (*transcoders*), DSPs A and B **160** having a subset of DSPs A or B **160** that are available DSPs **160**; switching a call to any one respective DSPs **160** of available DSPs A or B **160**; and transcoding the call from a first format to a second format in the respective DSPs **160**. (column 11 lines 25 - column 12 lines 26)

- In reference to claim 2

In Figure 4, Karlsson et al. further teaches a method that includes the switching of the call to any one respective DSPs A or B **160** of available DSPs A or B **160** is a function of a state of each respective DSPs **160** since if a DSP A or B is already supporting the maximum number of calls, DSP A or B will not be able to support an additional call. (column 11 lines 25 - column 12 lines 26)

- In reference to claim 3

In Figure 4, Karlsson et al. further teaches a method that includes the switching of the call to any DSPs **160** of available DSPs **160** is on an as needed basis. (column 11 lines 25 - column 12 lines 26)

- In reference to claim 7

In Figure 4, Karlsson et al. further teaches a method that includes providing AAL2 CID switching in a wireless access gateway **940**, the wireless access gateway **940** having a plurality of DSPs A and B **160** acting as transcoders for digital representation of speech; switching individual packets of a call to any one respective DSP A or B **160** of available DSPs **160**, the available DSPs **160** being a subset of the plurality of DSPs **160**; and transcoding the packets of the call in the respective DSP **160** from a first encoding to a second encoding. (column 11 lines 25 - column 12 lines 26)

- In reference to claim 8

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- In reference to claim 9

In Figure 4, Karlsson et al. further teaches switching of individual calls to any one respective DSP **160** of available DSPs **160** is on an as needed basis. (column 11 lines 25 - column 12 lines 26)

- In reference to claim 13

In Figure 4, Karlsson et al. teaches a method that includes providing AAL2 CID switching in a wireless access gateway **940**, the wireless access gateway **940** having a plurality of DSPs A and B **160** acting as transcoders for digital representation of speech; switching individual digital representations of speech of a call to any one respective DSP **160** of available DSPs A or B **160**, the available DSPs **160** being a subset of the plurality of DSPs **160**; and transcoding the digital representations of speech of the call in the respective DSP **160** from a first encoding to a second encoding. (column 11 lines 25 - column 12 lines 26)

- In reference to claim 14

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- In reference to claim 15

In Figure 4, Karlsson et al. further teaches the switching of individual digital representations of speech to any one respective DSP **160** of available DSPs **160**. (column 11 lines 25 - column 12 lines 26)

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-6, 10-12 allowed.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure are:

- Almalki (US 7116658) teaches an apparatus and method for AAL2 packet switching on an ATM switch core.
- Lee (US 2002/0085564) teaches a method of converting ATM cells in ATM network system.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Roberts whose telephone number is (571) 272-3095. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00-7:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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